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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR JIT MEMORY FOOTPRINT IMPROVEMENT FOR EMBEDDED JAVA DEVICES

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Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

SATISH RAMPURIA

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/13/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,6-10,13-16,19 and 20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the amendment filed on 12/13/2008.
2. The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph to claim 7, 13 and 20 is withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendment.
3. Claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-16, 19-20 are allowed.
4. Claims cancelled by the Applicants: 4, 11, 17.
5. Claims amended by the Applicants: 7, 13, 20.

Examiner's Amendment

6. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Leslie Van Leeuwen [Reg. No. 42,196] on February 26th, 2009.

In the claims

Please cancel claims 5, 12, and 18.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 8, 13, 14 and 19 as follows.

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method of reclaiming memory occupied by Just-in-Time (JIT) compiled programs, said method comprising:

tracking a JIT compiled program, the tracking recording tracking data that includes a method name corresponding to the JIT compiled program and an address range that corresponds to the JIT compiled program;

discarding one or more memory pages included in the address range;

branching to an address included in one of the discarded pages, the branching resulting in a page fault;

retrieving the method name corresponding to the address that resulted in the page fault;

executing a method corresponding to the retrieved method name;

memory mapping the JIT compiled program from a nonvolatile storage location to the address range using a special filesystem;

prior to the discarding, receiving, at the special filesystem, an instruction to write (to nonvolatile storage) the one or more memory pages that are about to be discarded; and

returning a response indicating successful completion of the instruction without writing any of the pages to the nonvolatile storage location;

registering an error handler to handle a specific invalid operation code (opcode) prior to discarding any of the memory pages;

in response to the page fault, calling the special filesystem to load the one or more discarded memory pages from the nonvolatile storage location;

writing, by the special filesystem, one or more occurrences of the invalid opcode to one or more of the memory pages that were previously discarded; and

re-branching to the address that caused the page fault, the re-branching resulting in an invalid opcode exception.

Claim 5. (Cancelled).

Claim 6.

At line 1, delete [5] and add --1--.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) An information handling system comprising:

one or more processors;

a memory accessible by the processors;

a nonvolatile storage device accessible by the processors;

a virtual machine that includes a Just-in-Time (JIT) compiler loaded from the nonvolatile storage device to the memory and executed by the processors;

a memory reclamation tool for reclaiming memory occupied by JIT compiled programs, the memory reclamation tool including software code effective to:
 track a JIT compiled program, the tracking including software code effective to record tracking data that includes a method name corresponding to the JIT compiled program and an address range that corresponds to the JIT compiled program;

discard one or more memory pages included in the address range;

branch to an address included in one of the discarded pages resulting in a page fault;

retrieve, from the tracking data, the method name corresponding to the address that resulted in the page fault;

execute a method corresponding to the retrieved method name;

memory map the JIT compiled program from a nonvolatile storage location to the address range using a special filesystem;

prior to the discarding, receive, at the special filesystem, an instruction to write (to the nonvolatile storage device) the one or more memory pages that are about to be discarded; ~~and~~

return a response indicating successful completion of the instruction without writing any of the pages to the nonvolatile storage location;

register an error handler to handle a specific invalid operation code (opcode) prior to discarding any of the memory pages;

in response to the page fault, call the special filesystem to load the one or more discarded memory pages from the nonvolatile storage location;

write, by the special filesystem, one or more occurrences of the invalid opcode to one or more of the memory pages that were previously discarded; and

re-branch to the address that caused the page fault, the re-branch resulting in an invalid opcode exception.

Claim 12. (Cancelled).

Claim 13.

At line 1, delete [12] and add --8--.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) A computer program product stored on a tangible computer operable media for reclaiming memory occupied by Just-in-Time (JIT) compiled programs, said computer program product including instructions that, when executed by an information handling system, cause the information handling system to perform actions comprising:

tracking a JIT compiled program, the tracking recording tracking data that includes a method name corresponding to the JIT compiled program and an address range that corresponds to the JIT compiled program;

discarding one or more memory pages included in the address range;

branching to an address included in one of the discarded pages, the branching resulting in a page fault;

retrieving the method name corresponding to the address that resulted in the page fault;

executing a method corresponding to the retrieved method name;

memory mapping the JIT compiled program from a nonvolatile storage location to the address range using a special filesystem;

prior to the discarding, receiving, at the special filesystem, an instruction to write (to nonvolatile storage) the one or more memory pages that are about to be discarded; ~~and~~

returning a response indicating successful completion of the instruction without writing any of the pages to the nonvolatile storage location;

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in response to the page fault, calling the special filesystem to load the one or more discarded memory pages from the nonvolatile storage location;

writing, by the special filesystem, one or more occurrences of the invalid opcode to the memory pages that were previously discarded; and

re-branching to the address that caused the page fault, the re-branching resulting in an invalid opcode exception.

Claim 18. (Cancelled).

Claim 19.

At line 1, delete [18] and add --14--.

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Reasons for Allowance

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As pointed out by the Applicants in the Remark that the cited prior art (US Patent No. 2002/0144240 to Lueh et al. and of US Publication No. 2004/0167945 to Garthwaite) taken alone or in combination fail to teach, in combination with the other claimed limitations, *branching to an address included in one of the discarded pages, the branching resulting in a page fault...registering an error handler to handle a specific invalid operation code (opcode) prior to discarding any of the memory pages; in response to the page fault, calling the special filesystem to load the one or more discarded memory pages from the nonvolatile storage location; writing, by the special filesystem, one or more occurrences of the invalid opcode to one or more of the memory pages that were previously discarded; and re-branching to the address that caused the page fault, the re-branching resulting in an invalid opcode exception* as recited in the independent claims 1, 8 and 14.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Satish S. Rampuria whose telephone number is (571) 272-3732. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wei Y. Zhen can be reached on (571) 272-3708. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist: 571-272-2100.

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